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The loyal object of the Supreme Council is complete. Protection to all of the subordinate lodges, courts, etc. of the combined order, male and female who show a worthy and earnest desire to keep to the noble principles of F. H. and T. It has been circulated by R. A. Payne that J. W. Lilly was going to take your charts out of your lodge rooms. That is false. He has never thought of it. He will not come to you for good or bad. When you want him, you will have to hunt him up. He will not have to make explanations. He can stay home and receive explanations. He is determined to make greater efforts, more zeal and brotherly love in advancing this noble order in the future than he has ever done. By God's divine aid, it shall be the Councils undivided duty to give entire justice to every loyal, honest and truthful member of the order.

Also to every lodge, court, etc. of the A. O. K. of G. who may come under their incorporated jurisdiction, protection or rights.

J. W. Lilly hereby warns all lodges not to pay any tax to the ex-companion neither to the courts, juveniles nor cadets. He has no desire to give you any trouble. The courts may. Our Information Bureau has headquarters at 505 D Street northwest for all who desire information. Office is open from 5 to 7 p. m. each day. All Christian knights are welcome. In F. H. and T., we ever remain

Truly yours for the right,
R. D. GOODMAN,
Supreme President S. C. G.
A. W. LILLY,
copywriter and Scribe
A. O. K. of S. C.

WHAT THE BEE WOULD LIKE TO SEE.

An Afro-American on the bench.
Judge Kimball retired in ease.
Prejudice in theatres abolished.
Bogus publications about circulation given a rest.

B. K. Bruce in the Cabinet.
J. M. Langston president of Howard University.

Col. Fred. Brackett chief clerk of the Treasury.

Harry E. Davis given recognition.
An Afro-American appointed Assistant District Attorney.

All licenses of theatres revoked that discriminate on account of color.

WHAT THE BEE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW.

Will a colored assistant prosecuting attorney be appointed?

Who will succeed Dr. Daniel Williams at the Freedmen's Hospital.

If Dr. Boyd of Tennessee expects to emigrate from his home to Washington and succeed Dr. Williams. Nit.

Would it not be better for Dr. Boyd to turn his attention to something he will be sure of getting.

What ails Brother Lampkins and Mr. Lomax.

Is Brother Lampkins dissatisfied with existing circumstances?

IT IS RUMORED

That Prof. J. M. Gregory will be taken care of.

He will be on top, and don't you forget it.

Marriages in high life will soon take place.

Cooper, of the American, wants a job.

Major Moore will recommend the appointment of a few more policemen.

The colored population will unite.
Lawyer T. L. Jones is a candidate for prosecuting attorney in one of the branches of the Police Court.

Harry E. Davis will break the record when he is made District Attorney.
He will appoint a colored lawyer to some positions.

BRUCE FOR THE CABINET.

THE PRESS UNANIMOUS.

[From The Vidette, Port Gibson, Miss.]

Hon. B. K. Bruce is mentioned as excellent material for a Cabinet position under McKinley. Make him commissioner of Agriculture and all the manufactures of farm implements in the United States will resume work; he will buy them out; he has a weakness for buying farm machinery. We would suggest this to President McKinley, however, if the colored brother is to receive recognition.

"If Mr. McKinley wishes to honor a colored republican with a seat in his cabinet, ex-Senator B. K. Bruce is logically the man."

[From the Augusta (Ga.) Union]

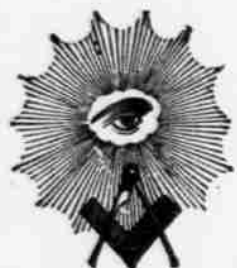
The light favors the Hon. Blanch K. Bruce for a place in Maj. McKinley's Cabinet. There is no living Negro who could as well as satisfactory represent the race as ex-Senator Bruce.

[From The Eagle, Tincie, Ala.]

There is some agitation of the question now for a Negro to go into President elect William McKinley's Cabinet. There are several persons mentioned in connection with that position, viz: Booker T. Washington and ex-Senator B. K. Bruce. We are of the opinion that Mr. Washington would not give up his race for a four year position in the Cabinet. The Eagle has therefore centered upon ex-Senator B. K. Bruce as the best man if President elect McKinley decides to take a Negro into his Cabinet.

[From Reporter, Miss.]

If any Negro is appointed in Major McKinley's Cabinet, it will be our distinguished ex-Senator B. K. Bruce. He is eminently fitted for the place.



SECRET ORDERS.

Illustrious B. M. Shook, 33°, Deputy for Valley of Ohio, last week organized and opened with high Masonic honors, Imperial Consistory, 32°, Valley of Cleveland. The illustrious Deputy was assisted by Inspector-Generals S. B. Brooks, 33°, Thomas King, 33°, J. E. Reed, 33°, Dr. W. T. Anderson, 33°. The officers of Imperial Consistory are as follows: Robert Davis, 32°, commander-in-chief; J. E. Reed, 33°, deputy commander; C. H. James, 32°, 1st lieutenant commander; D. T. Anderson, 33°, minister of state; Thomas Kinzie, 33°, grand chancellor; E. J. Lucas, 32°, treasurer; L. J. Price, 32°, registrar; W. T. Lane, keeper of seals and archives; G. W. Teger, 32°, hospitalier; H. W. Tucker, 32°, engineer and architect; C. Adams, 32°, master of ceremonies; W. H. Barber, 32°, sword bearer; J. H. Oliver, 32°, captain of guard; S. Snowden, 32°, tyler. This is the first Consistory ever established in Ohio among colored Masons. It holds its power and authority from the Supreme Council presided over by the illustrious John G. Jones, 33°, Grand Orient Valley, Washington, D.C.

GEMS FROM THE QUARRIES.

The Grand Lodge of Ancient York Rite, District of Columbia and jurisdiction, has selected the following grand officers: Grand Master, J. N. Adams; Deputy Grand Master, W. H. Shorty; Senior Grand Warden, W. H. Johnson; Junior Grand Warden, Jos. H. Harris; Grand Treasurer, G. W. Phillips; Grand Secretary, D. F. Seville; First Assistant Grand Secretary, E. W. Shields.

At the 47th annual session of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, Masons, the following grand officers were elected: G. M. W. W. Lewis; George Johnson, G.S.W.; Basil Kell, G.J.W.; John R. Keene, G. T.; J. H. L. Smith, Grand Sec.

At the 21st annual communication of the M. W. Stringer Grand Lodge of Masons of Mississippi, held at Vicksburg, after the usual routine. A Lodge of Sorrow was held for the deceased members, viz: M. M. McLeod, P. G. M., and Brothers B. F. Green and J. E. Onley. The report of Department of Relief showed that for the year ending Nov. 4, '96, \$39,866.74 had been collected, and the balance in the treasury was \$11,160.48. The following grand officers were elected: Rev. E. W. Lampton, G. M.; Hon. Jas. Hill, S. G. W.; Hon. George W. Butler, J. S. W.; Hon. B. F. Garrett, R. W. G. S.; Hon. J. Wilson, R. W. G. T.; Hon. R. D. Littlejohn of Columbus, secretary and treasurer, M.B.A. At the close of the session there was a grand parade. The Knights Templar were mounted on beautiful steeds. There were 400 brethren in line. After the installation there was a grand banquet. The next session will be held in Greenville, Miss.

Grand Potentate Holland of Pyramid Temple of Philadelphia will institute a Ladies' Shrine Auxiliary, in January, 1897.

The K. of P. F. & W. H. appears to be moving around in a lively manner throughout the country. The headquarters are in Philadelphia and Massachusetts.

Ex-Alderman Crayton of Vicksburg, Miss., gave a dinner to Grand Master Lamson and wife of the Mississippi Masons, Col. J. Hill, Mrs. M. M. McLeod, Messrs. R. A. Simmons, B. F. Garrett, J. W. Collins, John Harris, E. Perkins and T. V. McAllister. The viands were in abundance.

Mount Calvary Commandery of New York has elected the following officers: T. P. Williams, E. C.; E. Matthews, gensimo; Major R. Pool, J. G.; E. I. Dalton, treasurer; W. Oscar Hyne, recorder.

The Grand Lodge of Masons of North Carolina has elected the following Grand Officers: J. H. Lang, G. M.; E. Lane, S.G.W.; R. E. Clements, J. G. W.; A. R. Middleton, G. T.; B. S. Stevens, G. S.

The Odd Fellows of Baton Rouge, La., laid a corner-stone for St. Mark's M. E. Church. There was a large number present.

The Grand Lodge of Masons of South Carolina has elected the following Grand Officers: G. M., J. T. Barron; D.G.M., B. J. Weatherston; S.G.W., O. Sheppard; J.G.W., V. M. Whitehead.

The Grand Lodge of Virginia has elected the following Grand Officers: G. M., A. M. Jones of Norfolk; D.G.M., P. B. Ramsay; S. G. W., J. B. Evans; J. G. W., W. H. Hughes; G. F. H. L. Harris; G. S., I. T. Russell, Richmond.

Acme Lodge, K. of P., was instituted at Galveston, Texas, E. and W. H. It starts with 96 members.

The K. T. of Aberdeen, Miss., have elected their officers: O. L. McKay, E. C.; H. Campbell, recorder.

The Grand Council of St. Luke have elected their Grand Officers: R. E. N. G. C., Hon. Ralph Hilton; R. E. N. G. S., W. M. T. Forester of Richmond, Va. The order is growing rapidly.

The House of Ruth of Los Angeles, Cal., gave a masquerade on Dec. 15. The affair was a grand success. (Three links.)

Shiloh Court, Heroness of Jericho, of Chicago, and Estella Chapter, O.E.S., have elected their officers. The officers of the court are: M. A. M., Mrs. Emma Singleton; Secretary, Mrs. J. Coleman McClain; of the chapter: R. M., Mrs. Eva Lewis; Secretary, Mrs. A. Olgerby Parke.

ANNAPOLIS NOTES.

RECEPTIONS.—THE SUNDAY SCHOOLS. PROF. W. C. O. JACQUES IN ANNAPOLIS DOING GOOD WORK. HE RECEIVED AN OVATION—MEN IN BUSINESS, ETC.

A reception was given by Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Davage Christmas night, at their residence on Calvert street to their friends. The house was beautifully decorated and illuminated. The tables and eatables were elaborate and tastefully arranged so as to tempt the appetite. The following named person were present: Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Parker, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bates, Mrs. H. Bell, Rev. and Mrs. Perkins, Rev. S. T. Tice, Mrs. E. Wells, Mrs. John Butler, Mrs. B. Little, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Hamilton, Miss Fannie Queen, Miss Hester Edwards, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Sway, Mrs. Florence Cole, Mrs. Woodland, Mr. S. Stewart, Mr. G. Adams, Mr. D. Thomas, Mr. E. Williams, Mr. J. Leno, Mr. J. H. Howard, Mr. W. Addison.

Mrs. S. A. Boston and Mrs. Mary Scott are holding a fair in Asbury Church for the benefit of the Conference Entertainment Fund. They have a display of good things to eat. Queen and China ware, tinware, confectionary and needle work.

The ladies of the First Baptist Church are holding their annual bazaar, and many things of attraction and worth displayed and offered for sale.

The Sunday Schools of Mt. Moriah Church and Asbury Church held their Christmas entertainment and Christmas evening the former had a tree laden with good things for the children, the latter had a brick chimney, each brick was laden with candy. The program was "Glory in the Highest," the rendition of the music and recitations by the children was creditable. Santa Claus was in time, looking just a little older than last year.

Prof. W. C. O. Jacques President of The Columbia Negro Art Company, of Washington, D. C., arrived in our town Sunday a. m., and is stopping at Mr. C. T. Harris, on West street. He will deliver a series of free lectures in the Baptist Mt. Moriah and Asbury Churches, looking forward to the establishment of an Art Class here. The professor is a forceful talker with clear cut ideas about the boys and girls and he is not particular whether he strikes one between the eyes, or square on the nose; he hits hard and strikes from the shoulder, corrected many abuses; he makes you happy, mad, sorry, and thoughtful, simultaneously.

If the Howard boys are not sick they will have to own that they have had a good time, our girls say so any how, and you know on some matters they are authority.

Masters William Bishop, Joseph Allen, Joseph Carroll, and Charles Butler, of the Normal Department are home spending the holidays; also Mr. E. Deval Coley, of the Medical Department paid our fair ones of the city a flying visit of three or four days presumably on professional or confidential business. Either or neither is none of our business. Call again, Doctor, we are always glad to see you.

Mr. John Robinson of Washington, Mrs. Florence Cole of Washington, and Mrs. Woodland of Baltimore are visiting the Ancient City for a few days.

Mrs. Smith of Washington was visiting Mrs. A. Dennis of Camp Parole.

Miss Birdy and James Bishop are home from Philadelphia spending the Xmas with their father, Dr. William H. Bishop.

Mrs. Florence Cooper, Miss Carrie Dennis, Mr. and Mrs. J. Pinkney of Washington and Miss Lizzie Dennis of Port Deposit, Md., and Miss Ella Smith of Baltimore are visiting Mrs. W. E. Fletcher on Murray Hill.

Miss Susie Gray of Calvert County is visiting Mr. Wm. E. Parker on Washington street this week.

The pastor of Asbury Church was treated to a good pounding Christmas Eve by members of his flock, headed by Mesdames E. Parker and O. Davage, and his dining-room table was

laden with beautiful and useful presents. Brother Henry Boston sent a basket the day before containing a large turkey and many other things. Brother S. Bolden's presents to the pastor and wife are both substantial and useful. The pastor says he can stand more of this kind of treatment.

Rev. Alexander Dennis and family assembled around the dinner table on Christmas Day, every living member of the family being present, fifteen in number. It is an ancient, as well as a beautiful custom to have a reunion of the family Christmas and New Year's Day, where the interchange of loving greetings strengthen the family ties, forming an oasis in life's desert that will keep green for twelve months' blood ties that are often allowed to grow dormant for the want of such unions.

Wm. H. Bates, our popular groceryman, gave a reception to Universal Lodge No. 14, A. F. & A. M., Tuesday night in honor of his election as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. Rev. S. T. Tice, Rev. B. T. Perkins, Henry Valentine, A. W. Stepmey, B. Little, B. Brisco, W. H. Hebron, J. H. Howard, John Markall and T. H. Cross sat down to the table at 10 p. m. Four courses were served in excellent style, consisting of everything eatable. No wines or liquors were served. After doing justice to this repast the conversation turned on the kind of men the race needs and our duty as race leaders. Thoughts and ideas were freely interchanged. All were benefited by such a social collation. At 11:30 p. m. an old-fashioned smoke was enjoyed from Brother Bates' best Havanas. This notable body of men dissolved at high 12 M. The annual sermon was preached to the Lodge Sunday night at Mount Moriah by Rev. S. T. Tice.

Wm. H. Hebron has a very sick child, said to be pneumonia.

Mr. D. W. Eidier and Miss Sarah E. Ratcliffe were united in the bonds of matrimony Wednesday evening, December 30, at the home of the bride's parents, 1209 K street, n.e.

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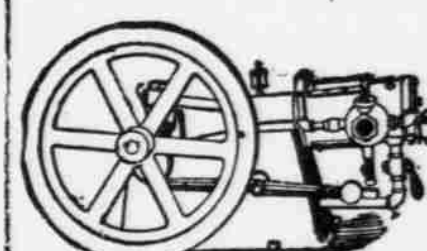
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